

THE NEWS.

The Mexican government is inquiring into the case of a number of prisoners tortured in a Texas jail, some of the maltreated men said to be Mexicans.

The transport Sherman arrived at San Francisco with the first California Volunteers from Manila, who were given a grand reception.

Bishop Coleman, of Delaware, unfurled the first church flag in the United States at Bishopstead, the episcopal residence.

A Big Consolidated motorman in Cleveland, who ran down a party in a spring wagon, narrowly escaped a lynching.

K. Frankau and wife were shot by the former's brother, who then committed suicide at New Milford, Ct.

The dryhouse of Samuel Debbles' powder mill, at Pottsville, Pa., exploded, and two men were blown to atoms.

Mrs. George L. Borneman, white, eloped from Newport News with George Waddell, colored.

Five miners were killed by an explosion of dynamite in a mill near Carterville, Mo.

Alfred A. Wireman was found drowned in his mill race near Arendtsville, Pa.

Commonwealth Attorney N. H. Massee fled at his home, in Danville, Va.

Josephine Engel, fifteen years old, and John Landauer, twenty-five years old, were found dead on a lot, at River avenue and One Hundred and Fiftieth street, New York.

The man had shot her, and then committed suicide.

Reports of disasters by the storm down at Hatteras continue to come. It is reported that in Pamlico Sound about sixty persons have been drowned.

The Mississippi Democratic State Convention nominated Hon. A. H. Longino for governor, and passed resolutions reaffirming Chicago platform of 1896, and reappointing W. J. Bryan.

A. L. Hiett, of Paw Paw, W. Va., has secured specimens of quartz from a ledge near that place, which promises to yield precious metals in paying quantities.

John Peterson, night watchman at Mrs. Creighton's boarding school for girls, at Eaglewood, N. J., shot and fatally wounded a burglar in his room at the school.

A negro who pursued a white girl near Barwell, S. C., received thirty-four lashes, and was ordered to leave the place, which he did.

One hundred grains of arsenic were found in the box of candy left on the porch of Mrs. James G. Charba, in Wilmington, Del.

Three persons were killed and three were injured by being run down by a railroad train at Seabright, N. J., while driving.

Two negroes were killed and eighteen others badly shocked while repairing an electric line in New Orleans.

Alfred Molina, a college student, died at Stockton, Cal., after a boxing match.

Daniel Schoolcraft, a deserter, was arrested at Charleston, W. Va.

Robbers held up a stage in Idaho, and got \$5,000 in gold dust.

Commissioner Powderly has decided that Mrs. L. M. Todd, a British subject, now at San Francisco suffering from leprosy, must be sent back to the Hawaiian Islands, whence she came.

Harry M. Atkinson, president of the Georgia Electric Light Company, knocked down Councilman W. S. Thomson, who had denounced him at the meeting of the Atlanta City Council.

James H. Greene, who tried to kill his wife with a hatchet at Alexandria Monday, died in jail there of alcoholism.

A passenger train was wrecked near Circleville, Ohio, and twenty-five persons were injured, some seriously.

Since 1880 the total value of the mineral output in the United States has increased nearly ninety per cent.

Eight hundred houses, embracing the business portion of Victor, Cal., were burned down.

Two men were killed and eight injured by a boiler explosion at Appleton, Wis.

A tug combie was formed by the towing companies on the great lakes.

Two colored thieves were shot and killed by officers near Urbano, Ohio.

At Bridgeville, Del., Miss Bessie Rash was badly burned by gasoline.

Heavy icefloes are reported along the Northern coast in the track of ocean steamers.

Miss Horlocker, the Hastings (Neb.) candy poisoner, has been placed in an insane asylum.

Prominent officials having just arrived in New York City from Porto Rico say that the hurricane is only one in a series of misfortunes which has befallen the natives of the island.

No markets for the chief products since the abolition of Spanish rule.

A prominent rider of the sect of Menonites explains that faith is used in the cure of disease, and denies that any so-called "science" is used.

Abieth Duryse, who is in a New York hospital with a broken neck and paralyzed from his neck to his toes, is making a wonderful fight for life, although his case is considered hopeless.

Mrs. Anna Rome, of New York City, while returning in a cab from a party, was beaten and robbed by the driver in the shadow of Grant's tomb.

Gen. Juan Isidro Jimenez, the aspirant to the Presidency of the Republic of Santo Domingo, sailed from Cienfuegos, Cuba, for Manzanillo and Santiago. Before leaving he complained bitterly of his arrest by the American military authorities.

Dr. Scherman, one of the Philippine Commissioners, arrived at Chicago on his way to his home, at Ithaca, N. Y.

David W. and George W. Beelman have been arrested on the charge of attempting to defraud insurance companies.

Thirty persons were injured, some fatally, in a collision on the Norristown Trolley Road, near Philadelphia.

Mrs. Thomas B. Foy took ten grains of morphine at Richmond, Va., and died from the effects of the dose.

Thomas Downing threw a rock at Albert Anderson at Marysville, Mo., and killed him.

Edward Hobb, of Schenectady, N. Y., killed his brother-in-law, William J. Hagg.

At Pierre, S. D., Mrs. Jennie Weston drowned herself and child in a cistern.

At Oursay, Col., Harry Strampner, aged seventeen, was killed and Frank Murdock, aged seventeen, was mortally wounded by Henry Bartholomew, whose watermelon patch they were raiding.

At Ecetrie, Wis., Peter Louin and his son, aged fifteen, charged with murder, were taken from the jail by a masked mob and killed.

At Newport News George Robertson was held on the charge of overturning a boat which caused the death of James Robertson.

A. J. Gooch was killed near Clarksburg, W. Va., by an explosion of powder.

HEART OF CITY BURNED

\$2,000,000 Worth of Business Property Destroyed.

HOUSES ARE BLOWN UP; Residents Forced to Abandon Everything and Flee for Their Lives—Dynamite Falls to Stay the Onward Progress of the Fire, Which Rages All Afternoon—Cripple Creek Sends Assistance.

Cripple Creek, Colo., (Special).—Fire has entirely destroyed the business portion of the city of Victor, causing a loss estimated at \$2,000,000. Beginning shortly after noon, the fire raged until night, consuming everything in its way.

It is thought, in the Merchants' Cafe, adjoining the Bank of Victor, on the corner of Third street and Victor avenue. A strong wind from the south fanned the flames, and in a few minutes all the surrounding houses were up in air.

Help was summoned from Cripple Creek, but the town had been built in the early days of the camp, and was of pine timber for the most part, which burned like tinder. Efforts were made to stop the progress of the flames by blowing up buildings in their path by means of dynamite, and all the prominent hills have roared with the explosions, but the effect was in vain.

The fire burned the Bank of Victor, the post-office, and the corner opposite, crossed Third street, and followed the row of blocks between Third and Fourth streets to the north, taking in the Victor Banking Company, the Western Union Telegraph office, and the office of the Colorado Telephone Company, the Hotel Victor, on the opposite side of Fourth street, and the great shaft house of the Gold Coin Mining Company and its ore bins, among the largest in the Cripple Creek district.

From there the flames were swept northward by the gale which was blowing, and never stopped until they had taken the Florence and Cripple Creek depot and the fine new depot of the Midland Terminal road, at the head of Fourth street. All the buildings between these are a total loss, with all their contents.

The scenes of the great Cripple Creek fire were duplicated. Hurrying before the roaring flames went men, women, and children, carrying that they could snatch from the flames, racing for their lives. The crash of buildings torn asunder by dynamite and the crackle of the flames as they consumed the dry buildings hastened their flight, and the pall of smoke added a terror to the spectacle.

A special train was placed at the command of the city by the Florence and Cripple Creek Railroad, and three companies of firemen, with apparatus, were rushed to the scene. They worked all afternoon in a vain endeavor to stay the rush of the flames.

The residence portion of the city has suffered comparatively little, but the business portion is paralyzed and suffering is bound to follow. The burned area may be described as the space between the head of North street and Victor avenue, extending from the Gold Coin mine building on the west to a point near Second street and down Third street almost to Diamond avenue.

Conservative estimates place the loss at \$2,500,000.

NEARLY FORTY DROWNED. Campers in South Carolina Lost Their Lives in a Storm.

Charlotte, N. C., (Special).—A special to the Observer from Beaufort, S. C., says: Sixteen fishermen were camping on Swan Island, near the mouth of the Neuse river, during the recent storm. The island was overflowed, compelling the men to seek the mainland.

In the attempt all of their boats were capsized except one, drowning 14 men. They were the four Smith and four Selzer brothers and six others. All were married and leave large families. They were residents of Piney Point, Carteret county.

The two survivors saved themselves by cutting away their boat mast, throwing their cargo overboard and drifting ashore. They witnessed the drowning of their companions, but were powerless to aid.

A crew of four men who were camping on another island are missing and are undoubtedly lost.

Norfolk, Va., (Special).—A special from Washington, N. C., says that the recent storm played havoc on Curacoek Island, destroying 31 houses and two churches, washing away the Norfolk and Southern Railroad pier, grounding several steamers and schooners, wrecking smaller craft of fishermen, drowning not less than 20 men and all the horses and cattle on the island. It was the most destructive storm that section has ever known. The island was under water three days.

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EX JUDGE HILTON DEAD.

Passed Away After a Long Illness at His Saratoga Country-Seat.

Saratoga, N. Y., (Special).—Ex-Judge Henry Hilton, of New York, died Thursday at Woodlawn Park, his Saratoga country-seat. He had been in an unconscious state several hours, and his last moments were without pain.

At his bedside were Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Hilton, Mrs. Horace Russell, a daughter, and the attending physician. The Judge's body will be buried in the family plot in Greenwood.

Judge Hilton's Career. Henry Hilton was 75 years old. He always declined to discuss his early life or to tell who his parents were. It is probable that he was born in New York. Some time before 1840 he was a lad in the law office of Campbell & Cleveland, in Grand street, New York.

Campbell not long afterward became a master in chancery and register of bankruptcies. In which positions he found enough employment for all his working hours. Young Hilton, then the managing clerk, found most of the business of the firm in his hands. He was shrewd and his capacity for work was enormous.

About this time Alexander T. Stewart used to call at the office to consult the lawyers. He found that they never advised him on any matter until they had consulted someone. He investigated and learned that the someone was young Hilton. Thereupon the merchant king engaged Henry Hilton as his private counsel. About this time Mr. Hilton married a sister of James H. Becker, afterward president of the Bank of New York.

Henry Hilton was a judge of the Court of Common Pleas from 1857 until 1863. Judge Hilton, in 1865, formed the law firm of Hilton, Campbell, and Bell, which endured until 1874. During this period he used to spend two hours every afternoon at A. T. Stewart's store and then go uptown to dinner with him. After 1874 Judge Hilton had no office save at Stewart's store.

For years before that he had been Stewart's chief adviser. The merchant took no important step without first consulting him. From the development and extension of his business to the planning of great edifices, the splendid cathedral and schools at Garden City, the home for working women, which is now the Park-Avenue Hotel, the dry goods millionaire did nothing without the advice of Judge Hilton. Stewart believed in Hilton, trusting him, submitted to his judgment in everything.

A. T. Stewart died on April 10, 1876. When his will was opened it was found that the bulk of his property, valued at \$1,000,000, was left to Henry Hilton. Within a short time Henry Hilton appeared to be in absolute control of the great business of A. T. Stewart & Co.

Then began the long succession of assaults against the estate—the attempts to break the millionaire's will. Persons cropped up in all quarters of the United States to lay claim to the Stewart fortunes. It was always Stewart's least that he was the last surviving member of his branch of the Stewart.

In all the suits to break the will Judge Hilton was virtually defendant. It cost him and the estate hundreds of thousands of dollars to defend A. T. Stewart's fortune from dissipation. Claimants to relationship and the fortune came from all parts of the world.

Stewart's widow died. The next the world knew was that Judge Hilton had by his possession almost the entire fortune left by A. T. Stewart.

HIT HER EAR OFF. A Big Dog Severely Mutilates a Little Girl.

Hanover, Pa., (Special).—A distressing accident befell a twelve-year-old daughter of Albert Wenzel, a farmer living six miles south of here. The girl was working at some flower beds along a hill in front of the house when she happened to strike a large dog sleeping in the grass above her. The dog, angered, sprang upon the child and bit off one of her ears. The father picked up the severed ear, wrapped it in paper and brought the child to a physician here, who sowed the ear fast to its place. Owing to the length of time between the occurrence of the accident and medical treatment there is but slight hope of the ear uniting.

TRIED TO RUIN A FAMILY. Incendiaries Fire Richard Kelly's House—Inmates Barely Escape.

West Union, W. Va., (Special).—The residence of Richard Kelly, in New Milton district, was burned to the ground. The family retired early, and about midnight Mr. Kelly was awakened by the barking of his dog. He found nothing wrong, and soon fell asleep again, not awakening until his shotgun exploded from the heat and the house was filled with smoke. He immediately roused the family, and they had hard work in making their escape from the building, which had been fired at all the doors. The parties doing the Danish work were tracked to Tons Fork.

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CUBANS FIGHT.

They Have a Collision With Gendarmes Near Santiago.

Santiago de Cuba, (By Cable).—Five men were dead and ten wounded as a result of a fight between gendarmes and disappointed Cuban soldiers at Cuevitas, three miles from Santiago, where the payment of the Cuban troops is progressing. Five thousand Cubans had gathered there to receive pay, and after three days only 580 had been paid. Thousands who had been disappointed at other points had come to Cuevitas, as the last place of payment in the province.

The imperfect list causes great dissatisfaction, and a rumor circulated that the paymasters would leave alarmed the men who had not been paid. They began to collect in groups and to show their annoyance. Finally, their threats became serious.

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Col. Moale's guard promptly surrounded the money office, but took no part in the fighting. For a few minutes there was a lively conflict, carbines and machetes being used freely. Captain Ballat was the only gendarme wounded. All the dead were colored Cuban soldiers.

Payment was resumed under a heavy guard. There are rumors that a force is being organized to attack the pay office, but these are probably unfounded. Gen. Castillo, civil governor of Santiago de Cuba, was at Cuevitas at the time, and soon re-stored order. There is no doubt that the inaccurate list will cause a great deal of hardship. Many veterans have vainly followed the United States commissioners for six weeks, only to find that their names are not listed.

Gen. Leonard Wood, military governor, does not, however, anticipate serious trouble.

WHITECAPS WHIP POSTMASTER. Had Offended the People by Appointing a Colored Deputy.

Tampa, Fla., (Special).—Editor W. C. Crum, of the Florida Republican, was brutally beaten by whitecaps at Peck. He is postmaster at that place, and has been going out there attending to the mail at night and returning to the city in the morning. Some weeks ago he appointed Dan Morrison, a colored man, his assistant, so that there would be a man in charge all the time.

Morrison was made to give up the office by a committee of citizens who are unknown, and Mr. Crum had to go out and attend to the office himself. After he had completed his work, he started to a house a short distance away, where he sleeps. When near there he was held up on the road by a mob of masked men with guns and made to dismount. He was tied hand and foot and given a beating. He sustained severe lacerations about the head and shoulders from the kicks administered by the mob. After they finished beating him they cut off his whiskers from one side of his face and applied carbolic acid to the gashes in his flesh made by the whipping.

Mr. Crum does not know who attacked him. He has closed the office and will deliver no mail to the Peckites. His resignation has been accepted at Washington.

BATTLE IN THE MOUNTAINS. Tramp and Friends Have Fierce Conflict With Moonshiners.

Chattanooga, Tenn., (Special).—Details of a terrible bloody battle with Winchester rifles and shotguns reached here from Oneida, Tenn., in the mountains, eighty miles north on the Cincinnati Southern Railway. The dead are: Charles H. West and David Akers, who were fatally wounded with rifle balls. Others were dangerously wounded, but on account of early closing of country telegraph office, their names cannot be learned.

It appears a tramp was stopping with a man in a house out from Oneida. This tramp spoke to several parties about a moonshine distillery, and was warned to stop talking or leave the country. He refused, and a band of men assaulted the house with the intention of whipping the tramp. The tramp and his friend fortified themselves in the building, firing on the mob with rifles and shotguns. Firing became general, and continued forty-five minutes. West and Akers, who were in the house, were found on the ground dead here and there. The tramp and his friend escaped in female attire, and have not been apprehended.

BOERS YIELDING. Make Slight Concessions to Great Britain's Demands.

Cape Town, (By Cable).—From an excellent unofficial source of information it is ascertained that the substance of the Transvaal's communication to the British government, in reply to the latter's demands, is a concession of a five-years' (retroactive) franchise, a share in the election of the president, and an increase in the representation of the gold fields, probably eight additional seats, and a stipulation that all other questions are to be submitted to arbitration—but not to a foreign power—that Great Britain shall not use the recent interference as a precedent, and that the British government shall relinquish all suzerainty rights.

The Mafeking Horse Regiment is mobilizing rapidly. Several hundred recruits have arrived, and been equipped here, and have joined "Tivian's" camp. Every train is bringing fresh recruits.

It is rumored that 50 Boers have formed a league on the border.

Stage Coach Hobbled. Washington, D. C., (Special).—Chief Post-office Inspector Coehran received a telegram stating that the stage running from Salmon to Red Lodge, Mont., was held up, but the mails were not molested.

Young Lady Killed by Lightning. Bedford, Pa., (Special).—During a severe thunderstorm near Risnary, Miss Mattie Young, who had taken refuge under a pear tree, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. The house of W. F. James was struck by the same bolt and was burned to the ground.

Llewellyn Stout Executed at Easton. Easton, Pa., (Special).—Llewellyn Stout, who killed Harvey H. Wurster, a telegraph operator and station agent, on the Philadelphia and Reading railway, was hanged in the jail here. He had confessed his guilt.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

M. Guerin, the anti-semitic, still holds out in Paris against arrest. Three of his printers were arrested and released. A priest was arrested in Villefranche, accused of plotting against the government.

Herbert Herkimer has been appointed a foreign knight of the Order of Merit for Arts and Sciences.

The insurgents in Venezuela were defeated by the government troops, after a bloody battle.

It is expected that a Latin republic will be formed in South America.

A storm on the Scotch coast caused considerable damage. Dronth has destroyed the crops in South-West Ross.

Anarchists pillaged churches in Paris, fought the police and created a riot after the fashion of the Communists. Twenty Anarchists were arrested. The commissary of police was stabbed.

General Mercier expressed the opinion that the court-martial would certainly acquit convict Dreyfus.

Three new cases of the bubonic plague were reported from Oporto, Portugal, and the town has been quarantined.

It is reported that Prince Henry of Prussia may come to this country and probably visit President McKinley.

Alfred Behrend, an American explorer, has been created a Knight of the Legion of Honor.

The cotton crop in Egypt is threatened on account of the low condition of the Nile.

Professor Robert William Bunsen, the chemist, died in Heidelberg, Germany.

Precautions against the plague in Portugal are being taken in England.

Mr. William H. Perot, who traveled to London to secure custody of his grandchild, Gladys, who was abducted from Baltimore by her mother, Mrs. Lillian A. H. Perot, has won his fight. The mother will surrender the child, provided extradition proceedings against her are quashed, and Mr. Perot, through Governor Lowndes, has petitioned the Washington authorities to that effect.

There have been twenty-six cases of the plague and eleven deaths at Oporto, Portugal. Cases resembling the bubonic plague have been discovered in Portugal, and Spanish cities have established a quarantine.

Ten thousand robbers attacked Chinese soldiers at Cotkon, killed 250 and routed the whole body.

Preparations for war are in progress at Pretoria, in the Transvaal. Foot-and-mouth disease is prevalent in Egypt.

A fresh warrant was issued in Paris for the arrest of MM. Guerin, of the Anti-Semite League, and Max Begis, who have been defying the police.

August Hosteing, an Austrian official, was arrested for communicating mobilization plans to French and German agents.

The people in Puerto Plata, San Domingo, were panic stricken, the revolution having gained much ground.

Hamilton Smith, while descending the Siemna mountains in Switzerland, fell down a precipice, and was killed.

The Transvaal government is said to be purchasing arms and ammunition. General Jimenez left Cienfuegos for San Domingo. He declared his arrest to have been unjustifiable.

It was denied at the British Colonial office that an ultimatum had been sent to Kruger. Fishermen reported having been driven off the Banks of Newfoundland by icebergs. Two French officers, are reported to have been assassinated in the Sudan.

SPANISH-AMERICAN ISLANDS. General Davis estimates that 2,000 people were killed outright in Porto Rico by the storm. Many more are dying daily from injuries and on account of privations.

General McArthur attacked 2,500 Filipinos near Angeles, and routed them, driving them north.

A Dominican revolutionary expedition was captured at Baracoa, in Cuba.

Lieut. Joseph H. Mors, Ninth Infantry, died of typhoid fever in the Philippines. He married Miss Ida McKinley, the President's niece.

It has been reported that Lieutenant Gilmore and his men, now held by the Filipinos, have been badly treated.

Mr. Mills, a clerk at General Brooks's headquarters, in Havana, was stricken with yellow fever.

A liberal response is being made to the appeal for supplies for the suffering Porto Ricans.

The editor and assistant editor of the Reconcentrado, recently suppressed in Havana, promised to be good if allowed to return.

First Lieutenant Alfred W. Drew, of the Twelfth Infantry, was killed during an attack near Angeles.

There were several small engagements in the Philippines, in which the insurgents were routed.

THE KEYSTONE STATE.

Latest News Gleaned from Various Parts.

OIL WELLS IN YARDS. Drilling Craze Breaks Out Afresh in Oil City—Elephant Escapes from a Circus and Dashes Through City—Premature Explosion in Delaware County Causes Powder Man's Death—Other Live News.

Men, women and children on their way to church and Sunday School were frightened at the sight of a runaway elephant at Reading. It appears that "Charley" the bull elephant belonging to a circus which exhibited in that city, broke loose at the show grounds, corner Tenth and Union streets, and before he was finally caught he had run fully four miles, taking a southern course in Tenth Street to Walnut, up Walnut, through the city park, then up over Mt. Penn.